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## Flood, sweat and tears

**WEATHER**

**Proposal to city  
council aims to  
help residents  
keep homes safe**



**Stephanie  
Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

You couldn't have asked for a better day for Halifax councilors to consider a new program to help homeowners cut down on the risk of flooding.

While as much as 90 millimetres of rain pounded the city Thursday, a co-ordinator with the Ecology Action Centre pitched the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee on piloting what's called the "homeowner adaption audit program."

Essentially, the program would give homeowners access to audit-

ors, who would assess their properties and provide recommendations to mitigate flooding risk.

"There's nothing offered for homeowners who want to understand the risk they face when it comes to climate change," Robin Tress told Thursday's committee. "It would greatly impact our reputation as a climate-prepared city and a smart place to do business in a changing climate."

If approved, the pilot would see 1,800 homes, mostly in the municipality, evaluated for flood risks in 2016. Tress said those properties in flood-prone areas would be targeted, such as homes near the Sackville River.

Developed through the University of Waterloo, the program has been tried and tested in Alberta and Ontario, Tress said, adding the Insurance Bureau of Canada estimates the average cost of a flooded basement at \$20,000, while an audit carries a price tag of \$110 per home.

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# Students seek crisis line funds

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

### DSU calls on Dalhousie administration to extend pilot



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) is calling on the university to keep the dial tone alive for a sexual assault help line.

This September, the DSU launched the Sexual Assault Peer Support Phone Help Line at Dalhousie University for a six-week pilot project that has seen calls coming in since its first day.

"We couldn't be more thrilled with the reception the phone line has received from students on campus," vice-president internal affairs Kaitlynn Lowe said Thursday.

Lowe said while she couldn't comment on exactly how many calls the line has received, they're "pretty happy" with the amount.

About 35 trained volunteers and one paid co-ordinator handle the line 24/7 in six to eight hour shifts, or slightly longer ones overnight, Lowe



**Kaitlynn Lowe, the vice-president internal affairs of the Dalhousie Student Union, says the sexual assault help line is sparking discussions about the nature of consent and rape culture.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

said. The line is an anonymous way victims of sexual assault, harassment, or gender-based violence can talk with a peer in a non-judgmental way, Lowe said, and find out about what services are available.

"People are able to feel more comfortable. It's meant to be sort of that starting



**It's meant to be sort of that starting point where someone has gone through something and they're coming to terms with that.**

Kaitlynn Lowe

point where someone has gone through something and they're coming to terms with that," Lowe said.

Not only has the crisis line been helping victims, but Lowe said the project was an important feature in orientation week and has sparked discussions around consent and rape culture.

"It's building our capacity for students to be supportive of these issues," Lowe said.

**36**

The support line is run by a staff of 36 people — 35 trained volunteers and one paid co-ordinator.

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The DSU says it would cost about \$44,000 to continue to run the crisis line through the end of the school year, and hope the university will help keep the project alive.

There are two weeks left in the project, and Lowe said the DSU is looking to the university to help fund the phone line for the rest of this year, which would cost about \$44,000.

The pilot was originally funded by the DSU and other student groups, Lowe said.

Lowe said it's important the school pay for the phone line since it fits into recommendations to increase awareness of consent and sexual assault on campus from both Constance Backhouse and the restorative justice process report, stemming from the Dalhousie dentistry Facebook group.

"Our hope is definitely contingent on receiving funding," Lowe said, but added it's "very difficult to say" how likely it is that the school will deliver the funds.

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Anyone in need of help can call the sexual assault line at 902-425-1066.

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## SATURDAY

## Pan Am pancakes with Pan Am athletes

Haligonians will get the chance to sample some sweet pancakes alongside local athletes on Saturday.

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Halifax's own Ellie Black with her medals. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Canada Games Centre, Mayor Mike Savage and regional council is inviting all residents to come grab refreshments and pancakes before meeting Nova Scotia's participants in the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games in Toronto.

Notables would include Halifax's own Ellie Black, who scooped up five Pan Am gymnastics medals during the games (three gold, one silver and one bronze).

Kayaker Mark de Jonge will likely also be attending. De Jonge landed gold in the K-1 200 metres, as well as bronze with partner Pierre-Luc Poulin in the K-2 200 metres. METRO

## BEDFORD

## Work on replacing playground begins

Parents and kids should be advised that work has begun on replacing an aging playground in Bedford.

On Thursday, the city announced work is underway to remove the current playground equipment and a rubberized play surface at DeWolf Park.

Depending on the weather, the removal is expected to take

four days, according to city.

Installation of new playground equipment will then begin later this month and take approximately three weeks.

The city says the playground will be closed to the public until Oct. 30, however, the rest of the park and fitness centre will stay open. METRO

### IN BRIEF

#### Netbooks, computer taken after school break-in

The RCMP in Halifax is investigating a break and enter into Colonel John Stuart Elementary School in Cole Harbour.

Police say officers responded to a report of a break and enter at the John Stuart Drive school around 3 p.m. on Sept. 30.

Police determined one or more suspects entered the

building by forcing open a window. Once inside, they entered a classroom and stole Netbooks, as well as a personal computer.

Officers believe the crime took place sometime overnight on Sept. 29 into Sept. 30.

Police ask that anyone with information on the incident contact Halifax RCMP, Halifax Regional Police or Crime Stoppers. METRO



Ekistics Plan + Design developed sweeping changes that re-envision Fort Needham as an 'open museum.' JEFF HARPER/METRO

# New design for Fort Needham unveiled

## PARKS AND RECREATION

## Halifax dog owners feeling left out of plan



Stephanie Taylor  
Metro | Halifax

First home to a historic naval fort turned sightline to Halifax's catastrophic explosion of 1917, the centuries old hilltop, known today as Fort Needham Memorial Park, could see an \$8-million makeover.

However, some of its current users are irked that it's significance as an off-leash dog area is

all but ignored in a new design vision for the site.

Such were the comments heard by more than 50 residents gathered on Thursday for the unveiling of the Fort Needham Memorial Park Master Plan.

Municipal parks and recreation staffer Carolle Koziak Roberts explained the goal of the new plan seeks to balance the park's commemorative significance with its function as a recreational neighbourhood space.

Designs for the new plan were based on a feedback from a series of public consultation sessions and an online survey, dating back to 2013.

Ekistics Plan + Design developed the new plan, propos-

“  
It's 100 years past and we're a vibrant community.”

Carolle Koziak Roberts

ing sweeping changes that re-envision the park as an “open museum,” that would play host to the municipality's 100th anniversary commemoration of the Halifax Explosion in 2017, Roberts said.

From building new interpretive pathways and a park plaza near the Memorial Bell Tower, to installing the city's first sensory playground in honour of

explosion victims who lost their vision, access to the park, as well as its overall layout and infrastructure, would be revamped for a price of \$7.9 million.

However, numerous residents, such as Robert Latta, voiced frustration with the plan's lack of consideration for people who want to “play fetch with their dogs at the park rather than have a storytelling space.”

Staff clarified the off-leash area would not be removed, however, would be addressed by the municipality in a separate report on HRM's off-leash dog park strategy.

The new park plan is set to go before Halifax regional council this fall for approval.

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**FORECAST HEAVY RAIN WARNING** Rain streams down a window as a pedestrian in a brightly coloured rain jacket walks past Government House on Thursday. Nova Scotia was under a heavy rain warning all day Thursday and it was expected to remain wet through most of the weekend. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Blue Dot initiative gains ground

## ENVIRONMENT

### Leaders to vote on declaring healthy air a human right



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Halifax is one step closer to joining the national Blue Dot Campaign, declaring a healthy environment as human right.

A debate on whether Halifax should adopt a declaration that affirms environmental rights as human rights is headed to regional council.

The decision to forward the pledge to the city's top council was made during Thursday's meeting of the environment and sustainability standing committee.

Coun. Jennifer Watts asked the committee to strike down an earlier staff recommendation to reject adopting the declaration, conceptualized by the Blue Dot Campaign, a project

of the David Suzuki Foundation that advocates for establishing an Environmental Bill of Rights nationwide.

Instead, Watts tabled a reworked statement, featuring a few small wording changes that Thursday's committee approved.

If accepted, the statement would still see the municipality declare that people have a fundamental right to a healthy environment, including the right to breathe clean air and that any local policy or bylaw changes would prioritize cli-

mate issues.

"I support it full-heartedly," Coun. Bill Karsten said of the statement during Thursday's meeting.

"These are fundamental principles that I do believe in and quite frankly, I believe we do adhere by them," adding the declaration simply adds another layer of accountability.

Coun. Lorelei Nicoll also espoused her support, but predicted any future debate would revolve around the question as to what constitutes as a "healthy environment."

## + A CUT ABOVE THE REST?

### Halifax mulls idea to host shredding day for residents

A committee of Halifax-area councillors voted unanimously in favour of having municipal staff explore the possibility of hosting a shredding day.

Coun. Lorelei Nicoll of Cole Harbour-Westphal brought forth the matter during Thursday's environment and sustainability

standing committee meeting. It asked that staff organize a day where shredding services are available to HRM residents.

The shredding services could happen through various partnerships.

The matter incited little discussion on Thursday, as Coun. Jennifer Watts referenced the fact such an initiative used to exist. METRO



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**TREATY DAY DRUMMING UP AWARENESS** Aboriginal drummers start a noon-hour ceremony at the World Trade and Convention Centre on Thursday as part of Treaty Day ceremonies in Halifax. There were a variety of events to take place throughout the day.

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# 'The language of this land'

HERITAGE

## Mi'kmaw Place Names Digital Atlas bolsters cultural history

**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

Trudy Sable feels cultural memory is important. For this reason, she got involved in creating an online project of over five years in the making.

The project, titled the Mi'kmaw Place Names Digital Atlas, was launched following the Treaty Day ceremonies in Halifax.

"(Mi'kmaw) is the language of this land, so it's very integrated into the landscape," Sable said Thursday.

The digital atlas includes an interactive map, showing over 700 place names throughout the province. It shows users the

pronunciation of the Mi'kmaw terms as well as the origins of the place names.

"We did the best we could, between interviewing elders and going into old historical documents," said Sable.

While Sable directed the project, she partnered with over 100 people to make it a reality. Linguist and Mi'kmaw elder Bernie Francis was one of those people.

Francis said, whether folks are of Mi'kmaw descent or not, becoming familiar with the Mi'kmaw names is valuable.

"It widens their mind," he said. "One way of seeing the world is through the filter of the English language or the French language. But there's a much more interesting filter ... the Mi'kmaw language, which is a verb-oriented language."

One of the project's challenges, Francis said, was figuring out the proper spelling of each location name.

"People who wrote these words could not hear initial consonant clusters at the be-



**Bernie Francis** JEFF HARPER/METRO

ginning of the words," he explained. "(They) could not hear Mi'kmaw sounds, therefore they wrote the language very badly, using English."

While the map is a step towards further promotion and use of the Mi'kmaw language, Francis feels more can be done.

"There's no reason why we shouldn't have Mi'kmaw as one of the courses in all of the schools," he said. "I think people would appreciate to learn a new language — language they don't have to learn for any other reason than out of interest."

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# Fate of Trenton plant still unclear

The fate of a metal fabrication plant that employs up to 100 people in rural Nova Scotia appeared unclear to the provincial government Thursday, even though it has a 49 per cent stake in the operation.

Premier Stephen McNeil said Korean-owned Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering Ltd. had previously expressed interest in seeking new contracts or a buyer for the plant in Trenton.

But he said the government hasn't heard anything further about that course of action. The remarks came a day after a report that the company was selling off inventory in anticipation of a shutdown.

"They were looking to find someone to come out to take it over or find new contracts," he said. "We haven't heard of someone who's going to take it over or find new contracts. They made it clear that at some point they would stop spending money, so I'm assuming that's where they're at."

No one from Daewoo was available for comment.

Business Minister Mark Furey said he also wasn't aware of any plans to shutter the facility, adding that the province has a representative on the board of directors who is made aware of



Premier Stephen McNeil

JEFF HARPER/METRO

the day-to-day operations.

He said he didn't believe the company was selling off inventory, adding that a cleanup was being done at the plant which may have involved old steel being removed.

The former NDP government announced with much public fanfare in 2010 that it was taking a 49 per cent equity stake as part of a \$90-million refit of the former TrentonWorks rail-car plant after it was bought by DSME. The province committed \$60 million to the enterprise.

The plan was for DSME Trenton to eventually develop the capacity to produce 250 wind turbine towers and 200 blade sets per year. THE CANADIAN PRESS



The scene is captured in this footage released by Nova Scotia Health Authority. CONTRIBUTED

# New hospital video shows flood, damage

VICTORIA GENERAL

## 'Real picture' of destruction is vital, says spokesman



Haley Ryan  
Metro | Halifax

The Nova Scotia Health Authority has released a video showing the extreme water levels and damage caused by the Victoria General flood so patients know "exactly what we're working with."

On Thursday, the NSHA released a video showing photos

and film of water covering much of the hallways in the Queen Elizabeth II hospital site, chairs floating in feet of water, and moisture dripping through the ceiling into buckets.

"It's important to us that our patients and public are able to see exactly what we're working with here, and understand the scope," said NSHA spokesman Everton McLean.

Since media haven't been able to go in and take photos or footage of the damage just yet, McLean said the NSHA thought it was important for people to get the "real picture" of what things look like.

Last Thursday, the NSHA said the flood started on the fifth

**“It's a lot of hard work by a lot of very dedicated people.”**

Everton McLean

floor of the VG when a corroded stopper in a one-inch pipe failed, sending water into a supply room. The water then leaked down onto the fourth and third floors of the building.

Staff evacuated about 50 patients to other parts of the QEII safely, and postponed around 100 surgeries between last Friday and Monday, McLean said.

McLean said since Monday

they have been performing the regular capacity of 103 to 120 operations per day, but on Tuesday they focused on those patients who didn't need a bed in post-op care.

Staff and physicians will continue to "monitor resources" in scheduling procedures for the coming weeks as the damage is assessed, the NSHA said, and eventually make a decision on how and when renovations can be made.

"It's going to take some time to know what can be done with the facility, and of course our leadership is working now on those things," McLean said. "Water damage in particular takes time to figure out where is affected."

IN BRIEF

### Wage freeze included in five-year offer to teachers

The Nova Scotia government's contract offer to teachers in the province includes a wage freeze for the first three years.

The deal would also give teachers a one per cent wage increase in the final two years of the proposed five-year agreement.

Premier Stephen McNeil says the offer is fair, adding if unions want to see larger

wage increases they need to work with the government to find ways to deliver the same service for less cost.

The president of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union describes the government's tactic as "concession bargaining."

Shelley Morse won't reveal what the union's offer will be.

The current agreement between teachers and the province expired at the end of July. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toronto Blue Jays pitcher David Price celebrates with teammates, Wednesday, in Baltimore, after the team clinched the American League East title. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Halifax shows Jays some love

## PLAYOFF PUSH

### Caps, T-shirts selling fast as baseball fever hits our city



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

Symptoms include a sudden urge to jump on the bandwagon, excessive cheering in local bars and living rooms, and the quick spread of blue, red and white clothing on both sides of the harbour.

**Normally, we're down to pretty well nothing by this time of year, because they're end-of-season, not playing.**

Jan MacKinnon, owner of R.U.A. Sports Fanatic at Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth

Yes, Toronto Blue Jays fever has infected Halifax, and local sports retailers are medicating the masses with hats, jerseys and T-shirts for all shapes and sizes, as Canada's only Major League Baseball club heads into post-season.

"There has been such a big fever," Jan MacKinnon, owner of R.U.A. Sports Fanatic at Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth, said Thursday, less than 24 hours after the Jays clinched the American League East division title for the first time in more than two decades.

"It's been extremely popular," she said with a chuckle,

adding the local business has been constantly restocking its Jays gear for several weeks now.

"Some of the things we restock disappear in 24 hours; some maybe take two business days, but for the most part, it's selling really well."

Ball caps and T-shirts featuring names and numbers of popular players seem to be the best sellers so far, MacKinnon said.

Deidra Hamilton, manager of Cleve's Source for Sports on Dresden Row in downtown Halifax, agreed. Tees featuring big names such as pitcher David Price and "the old-school, original, hats are doing very well."

"Keeping things well-stocked is a little bit difficult right now," Hamilton said, adding while Blue Jays are good for business now, with a steady stream of gear arriving — and leaving — al-

most daily, "they weren't for a long time."

"Up until this season, Blue Jays stuff kind of sat on the shelf," she said with a laugh. "There are a lot more fans now, I would say — a lot of people jumping on the wagon, or people in hiding that are just coming out, since they're doing really well."

Some sports stores are completely sold out of Jays gear, including most Sport Chek locations across the municipality, one store manager told Metro News on Thursday.

Back at Sports Fanatic, playoff swag including jackets and clothing with championship patches is expected to arrive in store early next week.

"Lots of excited fans, and lots of converted fans or quiet fans are now becoming rabid fans," MacKinnon said.

"It's really fun to see all the Jays fever, for sure."

## + GET TO KNOW YOUR BLUE JAYS

**@BringerofRain20** — No, this has nothing to do with the weather. It's the Twitter handle for star third baseman Josh Donaldson, who, unless the fix is in, will be the American League MVP this season.

**The Price is Right** — Yes, even Bob Barker would be proud of this showcase deal for Toronto as star pitcher David Price was acquired from Detroit at the end of July. All Mr. Price has done in a Blue Jays uniform is go 9-1 with a 2.30 ERA.

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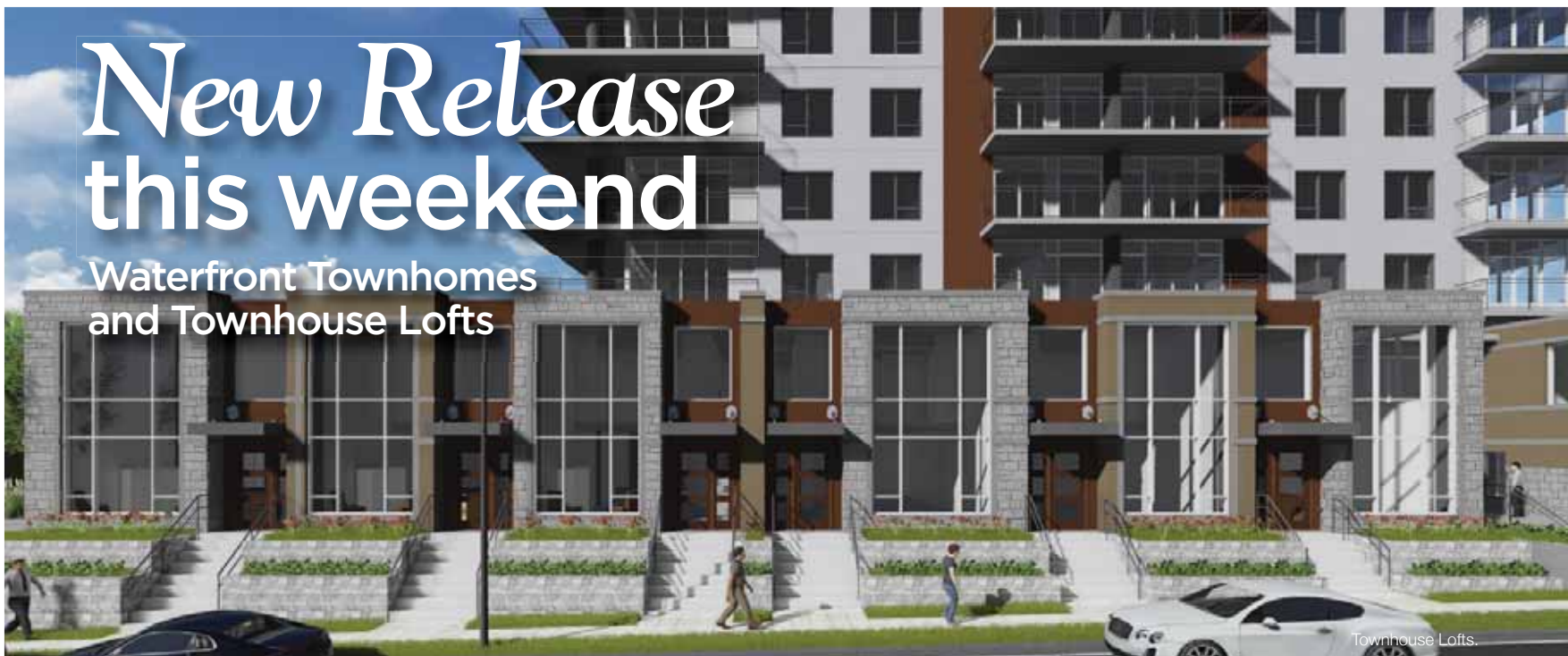


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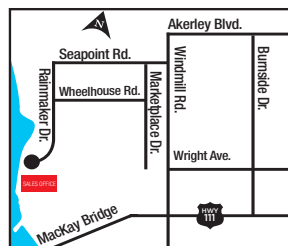
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# A fresh take on entrepreneurship

## HOSPITALITY

### NSCC program dishing out real business experience

**Rebecca Dingwell**  
For Metro | Halifax

The NSCC Akerley campus is cooking up something different: An opportunity for students to learn and get work experience at the same time.

The school's Fresh Café, run by hospitality students and faculty, had its grand opening on Thursday morning.

"(The café) is going to be an initiative that supports student learning, has a very entrepreneurial lens to it, allows our students to look at a real business plan and operate that business," said Ted Grant, NSCC's manager of Culinary Arts and Tourism Management.

Larry Bergeron and Jean-Luc Doridam came up with the idea two years ago, Grant said, adding when a space became free in the campus lobby, they decided



Ashley Thomas boxes up a cake for a customer at NSCC Akerley's Fresh Café. REBECCA DINGWELL/FOR METRO

to run with it.

"When we're training students to have meaningful careers or become the next restaurateurs ... that has a significant impact on this province," said Grant.

From cheesy breads to cakes and pastries, about 50 students



**Part of what is so great about community college is ... a good chunk of it is skills-based and practical, hands-on learning.**

Ted Grant, manager of Culinary Arts and Tourism Management at NSCC Akerley campus

in the boulanger and baking programs are dishing it all out.

Melissa Fewer is a student in the Baking and Pastry Arts program, and she loves the experience so far.

"It's just a fun, awesome environment," she said. "You

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Fresh Café is open at the NSCC Akerley Campus, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday.

get to bake every day, which is something I'm really passionate about."

Fewer said working at the Fresh Café is giving her the opportunity for "real world" experience.

"Just the day-to-day running of a business — you wouldn't really get that otherwise," she said. "Seeing what's selling, what people want to buy, how much to put out (and) the costing of things."

Grant agrees. Not only will the students be producing baked goods, he said, but they will be learning about customer service and human resources.

"Part of what is so great about community college is ... a good chunk of it is skills-based and practical, hands-on learning," said Grant. "The other piece is really the theory piece and it's about, 'How do I operate a business successfully?'"

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## LOCKEPORT

### Councillors cut their own wages

It was a difficult year financially for this small seaside town.

A rougher than usual winter led to higher costs for overtime wages, repairs and heat for the Town of Lockeport. Those increased costs in turn led to a small deficit that will have to be made up for in this fiscal year's \$1.3-million budget.

To make up the difference,

property and commercial tax rates have been increased by three cents to \$2.31 per \$100 of assessment and \$5.39 per \$100 of assessment respectively.

Councillors will also each be taking a \$500 cut in their pay as part of the effort to balance this year's budget.

Mayor Darian Huskisson, who will have his pay reduced as well, says councillors unanimously voted to share the burden of balancing the budget with taxpayers.

The mayor's remuneration drops to \$15,500 while the Deputy Mayor's remuneration falls to \$12,000. Councillors will also be paid a reduced rate of \$11,000.

Although increases have been voted down in the past,



Lockeport Mayor Darian Huskisson. TC MEDIA

town officials said it is the first time in recent memory that councillors have voted to cut their own wages. TC MEDIA

## \$500

**Lockeport councillors will each take a \$500 deduction in pay to help balance the budget.**

## IN BRIEF

### Police examining truck after head-on crash in Dartmouth

Police are investigating whether a truck involved in a head-on crash in Dartmouth may have had mechanical issues.

Around 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Halifax Regional Police, as well as Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency

Services and paramedics, responded to the collision on Akerley Boulevard, past Gloria McCluskey Avenue.

According to a police news release, the driver of a truck travelling east lost control and crossed the grass meridian on Akerley, striking a car heading west.

Both vehicles rolled sev-

eral times before stopping, police said.

The two occupants of the car and truck were taken to hospital to be treated for minor injuries.

The truck was seized by police to be examined for mechanical issues, the release said, and the file is under investigation. METRO





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Danny Dill, owner of Dill Farm in Windsor, shows off one of the giant squashes that will be on display during the 2015 Windsor-West Hants Pumpkin Festival. This year, the event will be at Dill Farm for the first time in 30 years. COLIN CHISHOLM/HANTS JOURNAL

# Weigh-off goes back to its roots

HANTS COUNTY

## Original farm to host hunt for the largest pumpkin

It's pumpkin season.

From the infamous Pumpkin Spice Latte, which has taken over the coffee shops, to jack-o-lanterns at the doorsteps, it's one of the reasons why autumn is synonymous with the colour orange.

One of the largest events in Hants County is the giant pumpkin weigh-off and regatta.

This year, the weigh-off, which takes place on Oct. 3, will be held at Dill Farm instead of the Hants County Exhibition for the first time since its inception 30 years ago.

Danny Dill, owner of Dill Farm, said the Hants County Exhibition, celebrating its

250th anniversary, is booked with events around the time of the weigh-off, so Dill decided to bring it back to its roots.

"A lot of the pumpkins that are at the weigh-off are in the water a week later, so it's a logistics thing," he said. "So it'll be here, right at the origins, where my father created the giant Atlantic pumpkin."

Dill said he's already had a positive reaction from participants about the decision to host the weigh-off at the farm.

"A lot of the previous world-record (pumpkins) were grown here, and the giant pumpkins that are grown around the world today, if you did a genealogy test, you could trace their roots to this spot," he said.

Dill said it also makes sense to have the weigh-off at the farm because he can keep his

staff on-site during a busy part of the farming season.

"It's something I've grown up with my whole life, as has the rest of my family. It's something that's a tradition; it gets in your blood," he said.

"It means a lot to me to know that some of the bed and breakfasts are already booked solid for it."

Dill says he's expecting people from Washington, Ottawa, Regina and more to come

to town for the pumpkin festivities.

If the weather is less than ideal on the scheduled Saturday, the weigh-off will be moved to Sunday.

The regatta takes place on Oct. 11 on the Windsor waterfront.

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## Couple wins Set For Life prize

A Nova Scotia couple was in for a surprise after purchasing five lottery tickets from a Shoppers Drug Mart in the community of Sherbrooke.

Helen and Hugh MacDonald, who both live in Indian Harbour Lake, won the top Set for Life prize.

Although the MacDonalDs don't buy tickets on a regular basis, they decided to pick up

a few for last week's record Lotto Max jackpot. While they didn't win the jackpot, they did win \$22. When Helen claimed that prize, the clerk asked if she'd like any lottery tickets. Fortunately for the couple, Helen said yes.

They claimed their \$675,000 in winnings on Thursday, according to a release from the Atlantic Lot-

tery Corporation.

As if that weren't enough reason to celebrate, Hugh turned 70 that same day.

The release says the couple plans to use the money to pay some bills and spend the rest on their personal enjoyment. Hugh, for instance, has fished lobster for 48 years and has a new boat on order.

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## No party has anything 'really bold and innovative'



**ROSEMARY WESTWOOD**  
in Toronto

Politics is fireworks to Rodney Diverlus — but this election is a dud.

That is why Diverlus, a hyper-passionate 25-year-old dancer and co-founder of Black Lives Matter Toronto, can both tear through an interview on the election, speaking in loud rapid-fire, and end up not voting for anyone.

In the midst of what he calls a supremely boring campaign, filled with parties and politicians who either don't speak to his issues, or don't represent his people — or do neither — Diverlus says he could conceivably hand Elections Canada a blank ballot.

"There's nothing bold, there's nothing exciting. None of the parties are offering anything really bold and innovative that are getting people to the polls that haven't been to the polls before," he tells me on the phone from Edmonton, where he's performing with Decidedly Jazz Danceworks.

At the core of Diverlus's politics is the policing of visible minorities, and in particular black Canadians.

"There's no national strategy to address police violence, and few accountability measures for the way police interact

with black communities," he says. What is a national conversation in the U.S. remains siloed in individual Canadian communities, he argues.

He's concerned with Canada's penal system, too. Mandatory minimum sentences, he says, "put people in a box and say, 'You're not worthy of society.'" He imagines a system built more on restorative justice and reintegration, one that recognizes homelessness, poverty and desperation as root causes.

Diverlus, a recent university graduate, says his other key issue lies in his "30-plus-thousand dollars of debt" and how, if at all, the federal leaders plan to help him.

(After this interview was conducted, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair announced a promise to gradually phase out interest on federal student loans.)

He knows the Greens are promising to relieve debt and end post-secondary tuition fees, but the party is "not even a close fourth."

He also doesn't relate to the Greens' "left-wing, white, hipster environmentalist" image. For that matter, he sees a "major lack of representation of racialized, indigenous and black folks" in all the major parties. (In 2011, visible minorities were only 9 per cent of

elected MPs).

On the Conservatives: "Oh, gosh. Uhh..."

Aside from not aligning with "98 per cent" of his values, the party, he says, is running a campaign of "quick headlines, rapid points, fear mongering."

And he finds the Liberals hard to pin: "We're kind of left, kind of right, kind of supporting social services, kind of supporting corporations and military. We have our hands in community pockets, we have our hands in corporate pockets."

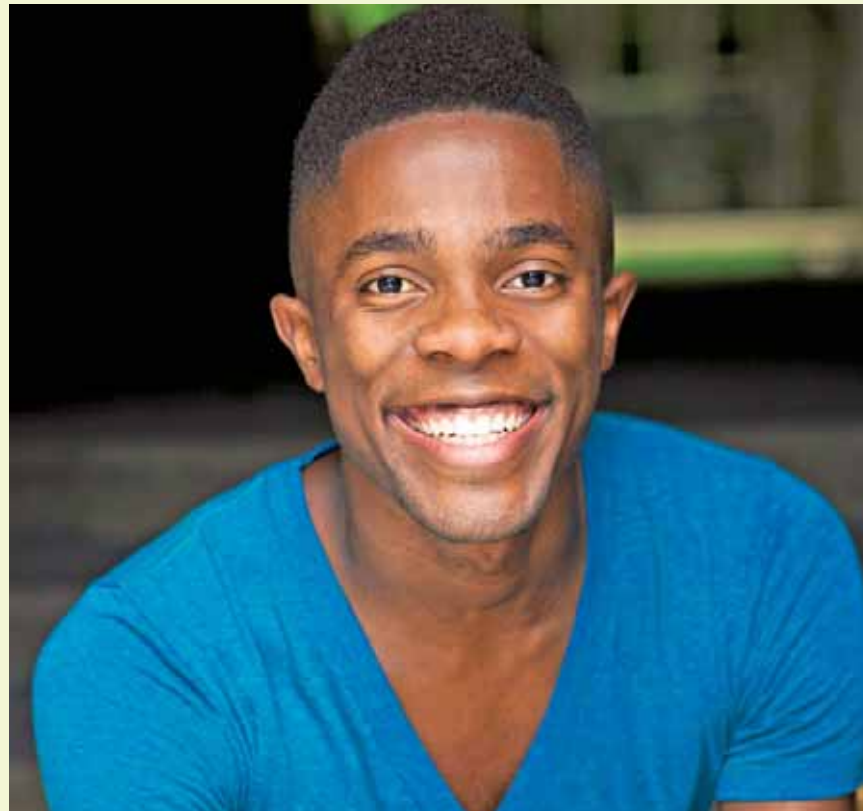
The NDP used to be a possible home for his vote, but he's seen the party move to the right, he says, and abandon its leftist base.

There's still time for politicians to speak to his issues, he notes. But he's not waking up wondering if today will be the day he dies in a terrorist attack.

"I say, 'Will this be the day I have a negative interaction with the police? How will I pay down my student debt?'"

It might be a big election, but Diverlus sees far more hope in the day-to-day politics of community groups and local activism, the politics of "individual lives."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. She'll be in Toronto again tomorrow.



### VOTER PROFILE

**Name:** Rodney Diverlus **Age:** 25 **Riding:** Spadina-Fort York  
**His issues:** Justice-system reform, student-loan reform

## Debate over minimum wage rages on campaign trail

### INCOME

**Getting paid enough to live is top issue for those in poverty**



**Shane Gibson**  
Metro | Winnipeg

For Dexter LaPlante the defining issue in this federal election is wages.

The 25-year-old recently left his 1-1/2-year-old son and girlfriend in Saskatoon for Winnipeg in the hopes of setting up a new life in the city for his young family.

But it's a struggle — he's going to school full-time to finish his Grade 12, lives in a one-room suite with his brother in Winnipeg's rough North End, and works a part-time job at night for a minimum wage that he says doesn't leave him with enough to live on.

"We've got to make sacrifices," said LaPlante, explaining when it comes to whether he can make rent, get to classes, or eat, the last priority is often food. "Just the other day I went to the food bank for food because I just moved in and we're starting from nothing."

LaPlante says he'll vote in the upcoming federal election and is interested in NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair's promise to raise to \$15 the minimum wage for employees in federally regulated industries such as rail and air transportation, telecommunications, banks and uranium mining.

A hike to Manitoba's minimum wage Thursday brought LaPlante's hourly pay to \$11.

Mulcair's pledge has come under fire because provinces

would still control the minimum wage for jobs like LaPlante's, but Manitoba Federation of Labour president Kevin Rebeck calls it a good start.

"The federal change would impact about 100,000 people across Canada, but it also sets a benchmark for provinces," he said. "It would set the tone for provincial governments to say, 'Hey, shouldn't that apply in the provinces, too?'"

Others, like David Northcott, who heads up Winnipeg Harvest — the food bank LaPlante has had to rely on to eat — argue a better plan would see a national living wage instituted.

"The living wage becomes the wage a family can live on and save on," said Northcott. "What I'd rather have from the federal government is them

say, 'Here's a basic income and we guarantee it for all Canadians.'"

Whether it comes through

a living wage or an increase to the minimum wage, LaPlante says he just needs more money to get by — and his vote will

go to the party that sees that. "These bills need to be paid, I need to eat, and I need money in my pocket."

### BY THE NUMBERS

## What it takes to get by in Halifax

Earning the legal minimum wage is one thing; living is something else. So says Living Wage Canada, a research organization that calculates what workers in various Canadian cities need to earn in order to supply a family of four with food, shelter, child care, clothing, transportation, emergency savings, medicine and education.



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# Quebec heats up ahead of debate

 **ELECTION 2015**

## NDP numbers soften in polls, Grits and Tories look for gains

In Ascot Corner, Que., population 2,000, 50 farmers and a few tractors showed up this week to protest outside an all-candidates meeting.

Fifteen minutes away, in Sherbrooke, Calgary Conservative Jason Kenney came bearing his party's message on religious face coverings as he campaigned with local candidates.

And in Quebec City, the National Assembly voted Thursday to condemn acts of hate and violence against Muslim citizens.

The federal campaign is hot in Quebec, with a few particularly provocative topics with the potential to shake up the vote. The final French-language debate Friday night, hosted by the TVA network, has become a high-stakes event for the leaders tussling over the province's 78 seats.

In recent weeks, the NDP's polling numbers in the province have softened, opening up the possibility of unexpected gains for their rivals.

For example, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau is hoping to win back seats his party formerly held in Montreal. He was in the city's suburbs Thursday, promoting more transit infrastructure to alleviate the city's gridlock.

The emotional issue of religious accommodation and specifically the wearing of face

coverings during citizenship ceremonies, has become one of the most contentious issues. There is wide support in the province for the Conservative and Bloc Quebecois position that women wearing the niqab be forced to remove it when swearing the oath.

But the niqab issue also appears to have spurred more than just anti-Islamic rhetoric in the province. A pair of teens tore the headscarf from a pregnant woman in Montreal earlier in the week, causing her to fall on the ground. THE CANADIAN PRESS



### WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY



• **Stephen Harper, Justin Trudeau and Tom Mulcair** will all be in Montreal for tonight's French-language leaders' debate.

**Elizabeth May's** itinerary was unavailable.



**Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau addresses employees and supporters during a campaign stop at a forklift dealership in Montreal, Thursday. Trudeau is hoping to win back seats his party formerly held in the city.** PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

 **ELECTION 2015**

## Poilievre suggests Tories too busy to attend Ottawa debate



**Michael Woods**  
Metro | Ottawa

Every Conservative candidate in the Ottawa area is too busy knocking on doors to attend the city's debate on municipal issues next week, Pierre Poilievre suggested Thursday. Carleton, Ont., incumbent Poilievre was asked why the Tories aren't sending a candidate to the Oct. 5 debate in Ottawa.

He replied they have done "dozens of debates" across the city.

"Of course, even with all these debates, our No. 1 priority is the literally tens of thousands of job interviews that we do on the doorstep," he told reporters at a news conference. "That's where our priority will be in the next several weeks leading up to the election."

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson invited the parties to send one candidate each to the next

week's debate, which will cover matters of importance to the city such as housing, transit and infrastructure funding.

Earlier this week, Watson called it "disappointing" that the Tories couldn't spare one local candidate for an hour to discuss municipal issues.

Poilievre said the candidates plan on attending more debates. However, he did not specify why they are skipping the city's.

**COURT**

## Ghomeshi enters not guilty plea

Disgraced former broadcaster Jian Ghomeshi pleaded not guilty Thursday to five charges, including four counts of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking.

The former host of CBC Radio's cultural affairs show *Q* did not speak with reporters as he walked into the courthouse in downtown Toronto where he was arraigned during a court appearance.

Ghomeshi, wearing a dark suit and tie, spoke only two words in court, "not guilty," when asked how he pleaded.

He had to repeat that because he wasn't speaking into a microphone. Judge William Horkins then cleared the public and media from the courtroom to deal with a motion.

Ghomeshi's trial begins Feb. 1, and will be by judge only.

The 48-year-old was originally charged with seven counts of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking, but the Crown withdrew two sexual assault charges in May because they said there was no reasonable prospect of conviction.

A lawyer for actress Lucy Decouture, one of the women involved in the case currently before the courts, said the allegations against Ghomeshi have triggered an important national conversation about intimate violence.

"While this case works its way through the justice system, countless assault survivors are privately reclaiming agency over their lives, telling their stories, and finally beginning to trust that people will believe them," said Gillian Hnatiw.

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# 'It's been a terrible day': Sheriff

## OREGON SHOOTING

### At least 10 dead; Obama repeats calls for strict gun control

A gunman opened fire at a community college in Roseburg, Oregon Thursday, killing at least 10 people before dying in a shootout with police, authorities said.

The killer, identified only as a 20-year-old man, invaded a classroom and demanded that people stand up and state their religion before spraying more bullets, one student reported.

Authorities shed no light on the gunman's motive and said they were investigating.

Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin said 10 people were dead and seven wounded after the attack at Umpqua Community College in the small timber town of Roseburg, about 180 miles south of Portland. He did not clarify whether the number of dead included the gunman.

Earlier, Oregon Attorney



Authorities respond to a report of a shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore., on Thursday. MICHAEL SULLIVAN/THE NEWS-REVIEW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

General Ellen Rosenblum said 13 people were killed. It was unclear what led to the discrepancy.

"It's been a terrible day," a grim-faced Hanlin said. "Certainly this is a huge shock to our community."

Hours after the attack, a visibly angry President Barack

Obama spoke to reporters at the White House, saying the U.S. is becoming numb to mass shootings and that the shooters have "sickness" in their minds.

Repeating his support for tighter gun-control measures, the president said thoughts and prayers are no longer enough in such situations because they

do nothing to stop similar attacks from happening a few weeks or months later.

He challenged voters wanting to confront the problem to vote for elected officials who will act.

Some students were in tears as they left. Police lined up students in a parking lot with

## + SOCIAL MEDIA

### Shooter may have warned of plans on 4chan

The Umpqua College appears to have left a warning about the crime on 4chan, a popular online forum that allows users to post anonymously.

The original post is no longer available — 4chan does not archive conversations — but screenshots of the thread began circulating after news broke of the shooting Thursday afternoon.

"Some of you guys are alright. Don't go to school tomorrow if you're in the northwest," the anonymous poster says in a thread that appears to be dated early Thursday morning. Some 4chan users egged the person on, encouraging them to post updates. 4chan has often been the source of online pranks and hoaxes, and the nature of the site makes it difficult to verify the exchange is real.

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their hands over their heads and searched them before they were bused with faculty to the nearby county fairgrounds, where counsellors were available and some parents waited for their children.

Interim college President Rita Cavin said it was awful to watch families waiting for the last bus of survivors and their loved ones were not on it.

"This is a tragedy," she said. "We have a wonderful, warm, loving and friendly campus."

The sheriff's office reported on Twitter that it received a call about the shooting at 10:38 a.m..

Former UCC President Joe Olson, who retired in June, said the school had no formal security staff, just one officer on a shift.

"I suspect this is going to start a discussion across the country about how community colleges prepare themselves for events like this," he said.

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## REACTION

### Clinton calls for 'sensible' gun laws

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton says of the deadly shooting in Roseburg, Oregon, that it's beyond her comprehension that "we are seeing these mass murders happen again and again and again."

Thursday's shooting at Umpqua Community College left 13 dead and 20 injured.

Clinton said after a Dorchester, Mass., campaign event that the nation needs to "get the political will to do everything we can to keep people safe."

She says there's a way to have sensible gun control measures that keep firearms out of the wrong hands and save lives. The former secretary of state says she's committed to doing everything she can to achieve that.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department says U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch is receiving regular briefings from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which have agents at the scene.

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## UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### Killer asked people's religion, student says

A student at the Oregon community college where a mass shooting occurred says the gunman shot her teacher and asked others in her classroom about their religion before spraying more bullets.

Eighteen-year-old Kortney Moore of Rogue River tells the Roseburg News-Review newspaper that she was in a writing class at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg on Thursday when a shot came through a window.

The gunman entered her classroom and told people to get on the ground.

Moore says the man started asking people to stand up and state their religion and then opened fire.

Nursing student Jared Norman said he heard shots and "then everyone was running,"

local paper Roseburg News-Review reported.

The nursing student spoke to the website NR Today from the cafeteria, where he and 50 other students were locked down.

Lorie Andrews, 57, who lives across the street from the campus, said she heard what sounded like fireworks followed by sirens.

"One girl came out wrapped in a blanket with blood on her," Andrews said.

"Everybody is in shock," she told The Oregonian. "Very, very shocked."

English Prof. Jillianne Michell was in Snyder hall, the epicenter of the shooting, when it started.

"I heard the shots," she told The Oregonian. "It was a lot."

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Hannah Miles, centre, is reunited with family after a shooting at Umpqua Community College in Oregon on Thursday. RYAN KANG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More than 200 aerial daredevils plunged into the record books this week, linking up in a giant lattice-like configuration 2,130 metres above Southern California to shatter a world record for the largest sequential skydiving formation.

The group of 202 leaped Tuesday afternoon at Skydive Perris, 130 kilometres southeast of Los Angeles, the Riverside Press-Enterprise reported.

The jump centre's manager,

Dan Brodksy-Chenfeld, said Wednesday that more records could fall in the days ahead. The same elite group of jumpers is poised to take to the air again this week in an effort to form three separate formations, he said.

The Federation Aeronautique Internationale, which keeps track of skydiving and other aviation-related records, had a judge on site to verify that Tuesday's leap set a record. It shattered the old mark of 122. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Nancy Ogden and her grandson, Kevin Glossip, embrace outside Oklahoma State Penitentiary on Wednesday, the day their relative Richard Glossip had been scheduled to die. KEVIN HARVISON/THE MCALESTER NEWS-CAPITAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Court asked to hold all executions

## OKLAHOMA

### Competence in question after wrong drug gets delivered

Oklahoma's attorney general on Thursday asked a court to delay all scheduled executions while the state reviews how it received the wrong drug as it prepared to lethally inject an inmate.

Attorney General Scott Pruitt said Oklahoma needed time to sort out why its Department of Corrections received a shipment of potassium acetate rather than potassium chloride for Richard Glossip's execution that was to occur Wednesday.

State officials said they became aware of the mix-up Wednesday. State protocols adopted following the flawed execution of Clayton Lockett last year

directed that the warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary "verifies execution inventory" two days prior to an execution.

"Certainly it raises a lot of the same questions raised by the Lockett execution, which is whether this department is competent to carry out its own procedures," said Jen Moreno, a staff attorney with the Death Penalty Clinic at the University of California's Berkeley Law School. "Minutes before the execution is supposed to start, that's when they realize they don't have the right drugs?"

The attorney general's move came hours after Gov. Mary Fallin said she was confident the state could resolve its problems in time for an execution set for next week.

Oklahoma had planned to execute Glossip, 52, who was convicted of arranging for a handyman to kill their boss in 1997.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Plane crash in Afghanistan kills 5 U.S. service members

A U.S. defence official says 12 people, including five U.S. service members, are dead after the crash of a military plane in Afghanistan. The official says the plane crashed at Jalalabad Airport at about midnight local time.

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#### More than 100 protected scorpions seized at airport

Customs agents at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport have seized 115 scorpions from a protected species hidden in two shipments from Cameroon to the U.S., apparently destined for sale on the Internet.

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## TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

## Canada trying to seal deal

The Canadian government is eager enough to complete a historic trade agreement this week that the country's lead minister has no idea when he'll be back home campaigning in the federal election.

In his first full day at the meetings that could ultimately clinch the 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership, Ed Fast said he's willing to stay as long as it takes. He said he doesn't yet have a return plane ticket to British Columbia because, he says, completing the deal is critical to Canada's economy.

"What I can say is that Canada is prepared to negotiate, to stay here until we have a deal," the international trade minister said Wednesday.

"We believe we are on track to do so."

He insisted that he's also willing to walk away if necessary: "I can't prejudge whether there will be a deal this weekend ... We are only going to sign a deal that is in our national interest."

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## LG doubles down

## SMARTPHONES

## Firm hopes dual display, wider selfies will halt slide

South Korean smartphone maker LG Electronics Inc. unveiled a new smartphone Thursday with an additional screen and a camera that can capture a wider scene when taking a selfie, hoping to arrest a slide in its market share.

The V10 comes with another screen above the main 5.7-inch display.

The small second screen can stay on to display weather, time and date when the main display is turned off. It has room for frequently used apps and can receive notifications while using the main screen to watch a video.

The V10 smartphone is LG's latest attempt to make headway in the premium mobile phone market. Its flagship G series phones were edged out by new phones from Samsung and Apple.



A visitor tries LG Electronics Inc.'s new V10 phone during its unveiling ceremony in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The company has lost its market share in the smartphone market in recent months, falling to the seventh place globally as Chinese vendors surpassed its shipments.

The new phone's front camera is equipped with a standard

80-degree lens and a 120-degree wide-angle lens option. That means a larger group can fit into a selfie shot taken with the V10.

"The ability to take group selfies without a selfie-stick has never been easier," LG said

in a statement.

The V10 phone will go on sale in South Korea later this month for 800,000 won (\$678 US) without a contract from a carrier, followed by the U.S. launch next month.

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## IN BRIEF

## Call of Duty under fire for fake terror attack tweets

A series of promotional tweets for the Call of Duty video game came under some criticism because they described a terrorist attack with no immediate disclaimers stating they were fictional. The War of the Worlds-style tweets were designed to look like those of a news organization. The first tweet announced unconfirmed reports of an explosion at the Singapore Marina. Call of Duty: Black Ops III takes place in a fictional city overrun by zombies.

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# Where are you really from?

**It's an awkward question people get pretty often if others have trouble placing their ethnicity. But is it offensive, or even racist?**

**YES: I'm just as Canadian as any white person**



**Christine Estima**  
For Metro

The bane of my existence has been this dialogue:

"Where are you from?" "Montreal."

"No, where are you *really* from?"

Why does this chip away at my sense of self and national identity?

When someone asks, "But where are you really from?" what they're really saying is, "You're not white, and you don't adhere to my stringent idea of what constitutes a Canadian, so why are you here?"

It's a subtle form of racism that hides behind the banner of, "Oh, I'm just curious." You're not curious. You just refuse to accept minorities are part of Canada's mosaic.

Canada's history is so steeped in multiculturalism and diversity, yet it's amazing how the image of what a Canadian looks like doesn't include me. I have been told time and time again that I'm not a real Canadian, and alternately that I have abandoned the culture people think I "should" belong to.

One woman — a complete stranger I might add — came up to me on the street and said, "You look like you're from a race that hasn't been invented yet." Good one!

I'm of mixed heritage, half Portuguese and half Lebanese, with one great-

grandfather who came from Syria. I was born and raised in Montreal, I speak English and French, I grew up ice skating and I know all the lyrics to The Log Driver's Waltz.

The only culture I've ever known is Canadian, but because I have thick eyebrows, olive skin and other Mediterranean features, my qualifications, personality, and intelligence are never as important as my "fiery Latina" look.

Eye roll.

I get it; you can't place my ethno-cultural heritage. But when you ask me where I'm from, you need to accept the answer I give you.

Because I'm from Montreal.

If the only way you can interact with someone is by categorizing their ethnicity first, you are reducing complex human beings to the sum of their parts. And I refuse to buy into your binary rhetoric.

If you can't figure out my ethnicity, here's what you should do:

1) Don't worry about it and go about your day.

So when someone asks me, "But where are you *really* from?" I reply, "I'm just as Canadian as any white person."

It brings their implied racism to the fore. Most importantly, it messes with their heads for my viewing pleasure.

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**NO: We're more sensitive now, but not more thoughtful**



**Deena Douara Karim**  
Metro | Toronto

People, you're allowed to say "black." I have it on good word.

Once, when I asked a colleague to identify a woman I was looking for, his response included "red jacket," and "shortish hair." Not having noted the colour of jackets that day, I asked, "Is she black?"

We've become quite sensitive but not more thoughtful. It's our prejudices — not our vision — that need to be tempered. (And yes, I would have mentioned whiteness if it was a useful descriptor in that situation.)

The most progressive amongst us have a knee-jerk reaction to all references to race and ethnicity. Basically, you don't refer to either unless it's followed by an injustice.

Maybe that's one reason we've deemed offensive the once-innocuous, "Where are you from?"

Sure, the question is clumsy and imprecise, but do we genuinely think people are asking about our immigration status?

I too am asked where I'm from, but I'm not offended if someone recognizes that I may also live in a culture that coexists with our shared one. Why conclude they think I'm "less Canadian" than Stephen Harper's "old-stock" variety? I can't help but think there's defensiveness in such a response. I'm not Canadian minus Egyptian. I'm Canadian plus Egyptian.

In my case, my origin adds layers of language, tradition and religion to my identity.

And as a poor small-talker, layers of conversation as well.

I understand the concerns.

Why should it matter? Why single out "ethnic-looking" minorities?

No, ethnicity shouldn't matter to an employer, police officer or judge. But it matters. My parents left the comfort of their family, language and community for an unknown land. That shaped me.

While nothing is universal, if there were no common experiences then "Signs you were raised by (insert ethnicity) parents" videos and lists wouldn't make us laugh.

I'm certain there are minorities who've lived no culture other than Canadian culture; but I know many more who visit "back home"; take pride in passed-down recipes and bond over shared childhood embarrassments. There are a

range of reasons people ask about my background, and reasons I'm curious about yours. Maybe I've travelled to your country of heritage and would like to share my

experience, or I'd like to visit one day and would welcome your insights. Perhaps you have questions about Egypt and (correctly) assume I've paid more attention. Maybe next time you hear about terrorist Arabs you'll remember, because you asked, that there's at least one peace-loving Arab in your life.

We shouldn't have to pretend not to see skin colour, hear accents or recognize features. No, we're not all the same — but why is that the goal?

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## metroview

# The Tories have more Muslim supporters than you might expect



**Steven Zhou**  
For Metro

Popular convention has it that Canadian Muslims and Stephen Harper's Conservative Party just don't get along.

Conservatives refer to the Muslim community as a hotbed of extremist violence and cultural backwardness in order to justify their security and immigration legislation. There's significant backlash among Muslims, many of whom don't want to be made to feel like they're not part of Canada.

So there's a lot of truth to the assertion that Muslims don't like Stephen Harper, but there's actually more to the picture than meets the eye.

A recent surge in anti-Harper organizing by Muslims inside Ontario makes it appear anti-Tory sentiment now fuels all Muslims politically. Moreover, it's what will drive Muslims to the polls on Oct. 19, where most will vote against Harper. This may be accurate enough, but it ignores the ultraconservative streak within the Muslim community. The truth is, a sizeable portion of Canadian Muslims vote Conservative.

Muslims who are organizing their communities against Harper, have been politicized a certain way. Those who have been paying attention to the current administration know Muslims have been caricatured as this country's bogeymen. They're more likely to seek out alternatives — but they don't account for

all Canadian Muslims.

Plenty of Muslims just don't care. Their apathy is reflected in part by the community's low voter turnout. It means a good portion of Canadian Muslims aren't politicized much, let alone in a way that aligns them with a progressive agenda. An Ipsos Reid exit poll showed the Liberals got the most support from Muslims in 2011, but also that 12 per cent of voting Muslims went Tory. This isn't a huge number, but not a negligible one either.

Muslims who haven't been shown the effects of the so-called "Harper decade" on the Muslim community are more likely to use social issues as a guide when approaching politics. Many Muslims tend to boil their religious identity down to being pro-life, anti-gay marriage, or some other mishmash of reactionary stances. Their political outlook isn't influenced by much else.

These are the Muslims who look at Harper and see a family man who mows his lawn and doesn't like to overspend. (They're not familiar with the Tories' consecutive national deficits). In other words, they think, "He's socially conservative and fiscally conservative, just like me."

Instead of mocking what they see as the Muslim Tories' apparent lack of political awareness, Muslims who want to replace Harper should recognize the size of their opposition within their very own community.

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Members of cast met representatives from NASA and the European Space Agency in preparation for shooting *The Martian*. TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

## Fantasy of space now a reality

### SPACE DRAMA

**Scott says *The Martian* was 'a much more realistic movie'**

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



Director Ridley Scott says his new film, *The Martian*, is much more realistic than his other, classic space dramas.

"The fantasy of space," he said, "which is now also a reality, is a marvellous platform and a form

of theatre. Honestly, almost anything goes. But, if anything goes whether you do a play, a book or a film, you've got to actually make your own rule book and stick within the confines of the rules you make. So, if I'm doing space fantasy like *Alien* or *Prometheus*, I've got to draw up the sidelines of the rule book and stick within them. It's still a fantasy because it's never going to happen. (*The Martian*) is a lot easier because, actually, you can lean very heavily on the science in the book. This was a much more realistic movie."

That realism stems from source novel by Andy Weir, a self-professed science geek who worked to ensure that the story

### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**The Walk** ★★★★★  
**The Martian** ★★★

**HOW RATING WORKS**  
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of Mark Watney, an astronaut who survives after being left for dead on Mars, felt genuine.

"The basic structure of the Mars program in the book is very similar to a plan called Mars Direct, though I made changes here and there," he said, in a Q & A on the Penguin Random House website. "It's the most likely way that we will have our first Mars mission in real life.

All the facts about Mars are accurate, as well as the physics of space travel the story presents. I even calculated the various orbital paths involved in the story, which required me to write my own software to track constant-thrust trajectories."

As research the actors met with representatives from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the European Space Agency.

"I got to go to the JPL in Pasadena and meet with all the robotics guys and see the Curiosity Rover and do virtual reality to be on Mars and see what that would be like," said Jessica Chastain, who plays the commander of the Mars mission. "Then I went to Houston and met with Tracy Caldwell Dyson, who's an astronaut and talked to her."

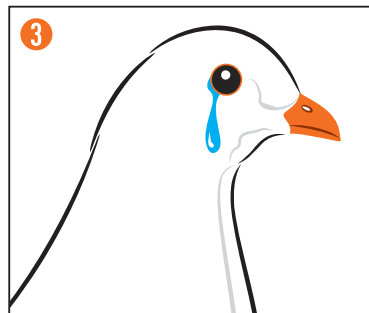
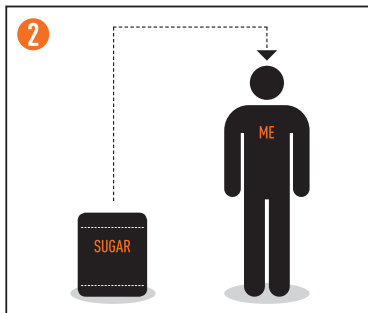
The cast says filming the zero gravity and space walk scenes involved careful planning and wirework to make them look authentic. "It's choreographed to within an inch of its life and we're just along for the ride," said Chastain. "It feels very much like a dance and there is choreography to it," adds Kate Mara,

"but, once you do it, you really do feel like a little kid."

The former House of Cards star says Scott was enthusiastic about shooting those scenes. "Maybe he was just faking it really well (but he) seemed just as excited as we did when were doing the scenes floating through the air."

Matt Damon, who demonstrated another technique to achieve the look of weightlessness on screen at The Martian TIFF press conference — standing on one leg while slowly waving his hands through the air — said that, "one of the things that is fun about making movies and (also) totally, totally ridiculous is that we are grownups doing this."

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# Grier's brand of feminism

TIFF LIGHTBOX

## Actress goes Beyond Badass in retrospective

Pam Grier has a problem with "badass."

Which seems odd, since she defines the term. She's the baddest of the badass female screen stars, the shotgun-packing payback seeker in such 1970s "blaxploitation" smashes as Foxy Brown and Coffy, and also in Quentin Tarantino's 1997 crime thriller Jackie Brown, the three films she's introducing this week at TIFF Bell Lightbox.

"When people say 'badass,' and I don't mean to be rude, but I ask them, 'What do you mean by that?'" Grier says from the Colorado horse ranch she calls home.

"I come from a long line of

skillet-throwing women. Is that what you mean? Or how about scratching? The first thing you do to your brothers who are picking on you or messing with you is you scratch 'em. That hurts. That actually hurts more than punching."

She laughs, because she knows, you know? At 66, she's traded her signature '70s Afro for long silver tresses ("I've really owned the silver, and I love it"), but she's forever synonymous with all things badass.

The tag line for Foxy Brown billed her as "a chick with drive who don't take no jive!" She's front-and-centre on the poster for BaadAsssss Cinema, Isaac Julien's 2002 documentary on independent black film.

She's an everlasting influence on action queens who followed her trailblazing anti-heroine roles, including Sigourney Weaver's Ripley in the Alien franchise and Charlize Theron's Furiosa in Mad Max: Fury Road. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Pam Grier in *COFFY*, the 1973 action film that was one of her "blaxploitation" movies that defined her as a grounding action star. HANDOUT

## FOUR BADASS ACTRESSES ACCORDING TO PAM GRIER



**Dale Evans**

“She could ride horseback and shoot and jump off and throw a few punches, too.



**Katharine Hepburn**

“Who is going to fix the house and cut the lawn?



**Angelina Jolie**

“She was really good in *Salt*, wasn't she? I also loved her in *Tomb Raider*.



**Jennifer Lawrence**

“She's great in *Hunger Games*.

LAURA DERN

## Mortgage crisis tale mesmerizes

The U.S. sub-prime mortgage crisis that spelled ruin for thousands and left many homeless is not exactly a catchy subject for a Hollywood movie. But in a new drama — 99 Homes — Oscar-nominated actress Laura Dern tackles the financial meltdown that touched millions and sent ripples across the globe.

Dern, 48, whose film résumé includes *Rambling Rose*, *Sailor and Lula* and *Blue Velvet*, sat down to discuss the movie, which has gotten rave reviews, and life in general.

### The film

In 99 Homes, Dern plays a woman whose family is forced out of home by an unscrupulous real estate broker after they are unable to make mortgage payments. Dern said the movie aims to highlight “the level of rage in American families when they are now living in their car because they can no longer afford a motel.”

“We're very busy as a culture, thinking about the Kardashians or whatever the new topic is,” she said. “It takes us away from the BP oil spill still leaking, bank crisis and people still losing their homes.

“It is amazing to consider

who we throw away, and often we throw away the people we've promised the most to.”

### Social media

“I feel like I'm lucky because ... it isn't what defines me,” Dern said of social media. “I'm not of a generation that thinks that if I haven't a certain number of followers, I am or I am not liked or popular, because I didn't grow up that way.

“So I'm basing my values ... on the work or my family, my children, my loved ones, but certainly not on social media.”

### On aging in Hollywood

“Love where you are as a woman at all times in your life. If you buy into the belief that things are gonna change based on age, it's a tragedy,” Dern said.

“I hope I'm my sexiest at 60 and I will say I'm playing more interesting characters than I have in a long time.

“In 10 years, I hope to be braver, bolder, wilder, boundary-less, without any predisposition to what it's supposed to look like,” she added. “(I hope) to be complicated, sexy, kind, broken and all the things a woman should be in her 50s. I look forward to that.” AFP

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Director Denis Villeneuve, above, called on cinematographer Roger Deakins — known for his stunning work with shadows — to set the scene in *Sicario*. CONTRIBUTED

# Seeing the light in the dark

## SICARIO

### Denis Villeneuve calls on master cinematographer for latest film

"The Prince of Darkness" was the nickname of cinematographer legend Gordon Willis, but Roger Deakins, too, has shown a kingly command of shadows.

Recall the sleek Shanghai skyscraper scene of *Skyfall*, the desperate moonlit horse ride of *True Grit*, or the early dawn dog chase of *No Country for Old Men*. In Denis Villeneuve's drug war thriller *Sicario*, Deakins adds to his nighttime reel with a memorable border tunnel pursuit, seen through night vision and infrared perspectives.

*Sicario*, which opens across the country today, could be the film that finally rights one of

cinema's greatest wrongs, and lands the 66-year-old British cinematographer his first Oscar. Deakins has been nominated 12 times and is generally acknowledged as one of the movies' greatest visual minds.

The regular director of photography for the Coen brothers, Deakins is less likely to speak of an impressive shot than about how the photography is always in the service of character, script and circumstances. *Sicario*, his second film with the Québécois director Villeneuve following *Prisoners*, has its grim darkness, but much of it — like a shootout in bumper-to-bumper traffic — takes place under the harsh desert light of the Mexican border.

He and Villeneuve recently spoke about making *Sicario*, for which Deakins drew inspiration from the French filmmaker Jean-Pierre Melville.

**What makes the two of you**

#### fit well together?

**Villeneuve:** It's strange. It's like two totally different animals that can communicate together. We are from totally different backgrounds. ... just shot with Bradford Young. ... As much as I loved working with Bradford, I realized how much I learned working with Roger. I was saying to myself, 'It's the only movie I've made with two cinematographers.' Because I always had you in my mind saying, 'Don't put the camera there. Don't do that. Move faster.'

**Deakins:** Nag, nag, nag.

**V:** People are always asking what is your biggest influence from other filmmakers? It's always Roger for me. Honestly, it's a massive privilege for me. I'm missing you a lot, sir.

**D:** I'm missing you, too. We did hit it off straight away,

didn't we? The first time we met we seemed to hit it off. We're both very honest with each other, which is good.

#### What was your approach to shooting in the desert?

**V:** There was the idea to embrace nature, to inspire ourselves from the desert, to work with the brutality of the sun. We were working with a tight schedule and I was aware Roger would have to shoot sometimes in bad light, not having the luxury to shoot in perfect light. I remember saying should we try to embrace that, to have actors with shadows, to have silhouettes in the sun. There was a photographer that Roger loves, Alex Webb, that was an inspiration in the colour of Mexico.

**D:** That script on *Prisoners*, it could have become so melodramatic. But it was a matter

of stripping it down and getting to the sense of it. To me, the whole film ends up being about: How far do you go? What is right? To me, *Sicario* relates to so much more than just drug trafficking. It relates to Guantanamo Bay and the whole bit.

**V:** We really insisted, Roger and I, to shoot in Mexico. We didn't want to recreate the Mexican culture in the United States — we thought that would be impossible. Luckily, we were able through time and a lot of meetings to convince them.

**D:** A LOT of meetings.  
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## NEW PROJECTS

### Kate, Ellen on same page

Kate Mara says she's teaming up with her good friend Ellen Page for a project they will both produce and star in.

The House of Cards star hinted at the plans while promoting her new film *The Martian* at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Mara wouldn't reveal details, but said she was keen to work with her Canadian pal, who was also at the festival with the films *Freeheld* and *Into the Forest*.

"It's probably too early to talk about but we're going to star in something that we're producing together," Mara said.

"We're good friends but we also really want to work together as actors so hopefully that will happen soon."

In *The Martian*, Mara plays an astronaut who is part of a manned mission to Mars cut short by a massive sand storm.

Mara said she leapt at the chance to work with Ridley Scott, director of *The Martian*, whose other galactic visions include *Alien* and *Blade Runner*.

"Ridley likes to do things big, he always kind of has," chuckled Mara, who batted away questions about her last big spectacle — the heavily panned *Fantastic Four*.

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# 7 Things to know about the new Homeland

## SEASON PREMIERE

### Fifth season promises to be unlike any of the past runs

**Brian Gasperek**  
For Metro Canada



The wait is finally over. After nine long months, Homeland officially returns to our living rooms this Sunday night.

After redeeming itself as one of television's best thrillers last year, the fifth season of the political drama has become one of this fall's most highly anticipated returns.

But this round of Homeland is expected to be different than everything we've seen in the series over the past five years. This season promises to deliver a major creative overhaul to

the show's setting, political themes and to the lives of Carrie Mathison and our other favourite characters.

So what can you expect with all of the changes? We're here to fill you in.

Here are seven things you need to know going into Homeland this season.

#### 1 Goodbye Islamabad, hello Berlin

Time has skipped ahead quite a bit since we last left Carrie, Saul and Quinn. We will learn that season five takes place two and a half years after the season four finale. We will also see that the show has found a brand new setting. This season was shot completely in Berlin, where Carrie now lives. Fun fact: Homeland is officially the first U.S. show to ever film entirely on location in Germany.

#### 2 Carrie has a new job

Carrie's days as an intelligence officer are long gone... at least for now. This season we



Carrie embraces motherhood and a new boyfriend in Season Five of Homeland. CONTRIBUTED

will find her estranged from the CIA and diligently working for a private security firm in Berlin.

In the premiere, we will learn that Carrie is now the head of security for a German philanthropist named Otto Düring.

#### 3 Tackling ISIS, Vladimir Putin, Edward Snowden

Homeland will finally get away



from its ongoing theme of U.S. and Middle Eastern relations in season five.

This year's storyline is set to touch on updated real life foreign issues including ISIS, Vladimir Putin, the Charlie Hebdo shooting and Edward Snowden.

#### 4 Carrie is all about being a mom now

Despite the horrible "bathtub

scene" that we had to endure between her and her baby daughter in season four, we will now find Carrie to be a loving, interested, bedtime-story-reading mother.

Hard to believe, right?

#### 5 She also has a new boyfriend

We will also learn that Carrie has a new, live-in love interest. His name is Jonas Hollander

and he's a lawyer for the foundation that Carrie does security work for. Jonas has a slight ginger resemblance to Carrie's late ex and baby daddy Nick Brody.

#### 6 Carrie has turned to religion

Who would have thought that Carrie would become a devout Christian this season? Apparently a couple calendar years and a new country have changed her. In Carrie's first scene this season, she will be taking communion at a church in Berlin.

#### 7 Still on bad terms with Saul and Quinn

In the premiere, we will find out that two and a half years hasn't changed the relationship between Carrie, Saul and Quinn.

Carrie is still out of touch with both of her former CIA partners. But we can only assume that we will see them both in Berlin very quickly this season.



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## 5 PLACES TO SCARE YOURSELF SILLY THIS HALLOWEEN

If you haven't been frightened on Halloween since you were a kid, these tourist attractions across Canada are bound to crank up your fear factor in the days leading up to the spookfest. **MARK STACHIEW** FOR METRO



HISTORIC GARDENS

### 1 Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

Annapolis Royal is a town with so much history that it can't help but have a spectre or two wandering its streets at night. During October, the Nova Scotia municipality transforms into a ghost town with an array of spooky activities ranging from haunted houses at area museums to candlelight graveyard tours and many other events for lovers of the supernatural between Oct. 16-31.

### 2 Fort Fright, Ontario

During the dark and lonely nights of October, Old Fort Henry in Kingston dims the lights and changes its name to Fort Fright. The dark corners of this War of 1812-era fortress are dressed up to scare the wits out of you. Are you ready for a coffin ride or a creepy tunnel crawl in the dark? The frights are offered between Oct. 1-18, Thursday to Sunday evenings, then nightly from Oct. 22-Nov. 1.



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### 3 Evil Acres, British Columbia

What's your worst fear? Is it coulrophobia, a fear of clowns, or herpetophobia, a fear of reptiles? Evil Acres in North Saanich on Vancouver Island stokes both of those phobias and a psychology textbook full of others in the Darkness Maze. You can also visit Slaughter House Extreme, which is the eerie remnant of a meat-packing plant that is not as abandoned as it looks. Screams run from Oct. 9-10, 16-18 and 22-31.



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### 4 Atlas Coal Mine, Alberta

The area around Drumheller was once a famous coal-producing region, but those days are long gone. All that is left are the empty mines and the ghosts of the men who worked them. At the Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site, visitors can experience Little Boo this Oct. 25. It's an afternoon of Halloween activities for gentler souls at this creepy industrial site. Your admission fees raise funds to maintain and restore this piece of Canadian history.

### 5 Six Pines, Manitoba

Located north of Winnipeg, Six Pines bills itself as Manitoba's scariest Halloween attraction. By day, they offer the Family Fun Haunt, but when the sun sets, no children are allowed because that's when the real terror begins. Visitors can choose between the provocatively named Barn of Doom or the Terror Train. Pick your poison or take a double dose from Oct. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 and 29-31.



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# Soviet space race unveiled in London

## SCIENCE MUSEUM

### Exhibit tracks history-making moments

The space technology that saw the Soviet Union propel the first dog, man and woman into orbit has gone on show in London — most of it being exhibited outside Russia for the first time.

Speaking at the opening of the exhibition at the Science Museum, which runs until March 13, the first woman in space, Valentina Tereshkova, recalled her affection for the spacecraft that took her into orbit for three days in 1963.

"I see Vostok-6 quite often in the centre for cosmonaut training," said Tereshkova, now 78.

"And every time I pass it by I stroke it and say, 'My lovely one, my best and most beautiful friend; my best and most beautiful man.'"

The astronaut's treasured Vostok-6 is just one of several early spacecrafts displayed in the exhibition Cosmonauts: Birth of the Space Age.

Also on display are several Sputnik satellites and a lunar



Various space suits and the Soyuz TM-14 descent module. AFP

lander used to train cosmonauts on how to land on the moon in a Soviet program kept secret from the world until 1989.

In all, 150 objects are on display, from early Russian artistic impressions of space exploration to real space suits. Often classified top secret for decades and many from private collections and archives, the

exhibit demonstrates the initial supremacy of the Soviet Union in the 20th-century space race.

"We think that the first nation on the moon was Russia," said Science Museum director Ian Blatchford, referring to the unmanned Luna 9, the first spacecraft to make a soft landing on the moon, in 1966. "An incredible achievement, not given full respect." AFP

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### Trending: Zagreb

Air Transat has just added Croatia to its list of European destinations, with weekly flights to Zagreb from Toronto via Montreal starting next summer. This capital city is a year-round destination, with activity centred at nearby Jarun Lake in the summer and Mount Medvednica in the winter. Combine this city trip with a tour of the coast. Visit [Zagreb-TouristInfo.hr](http://Zagreb-TouristInfo.hr) and [AirTransat.ca](http://AirTransat.ca).



Zagreb Cathedral, Croatia. MARKO VRDOLJAK

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Cochem, Germany, on the Moselle River. CONTRIBUTED



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# Slides, sharks and rum punch in Atlantis

## ON THE MOVE

### Resort features a 141-acre water park and five hotel options

**Loren Christie**  
For Metro Canada



Greek lore says that the mythical civilization of Atlantis sunk into the ocean, but I am not so sure. A visit to the Atlantis resort in the Bahamas might have you believing that this mythical kingdom rose again in the form of a Las Vegas-meets-Waterworld pleasure paradise.

#### The Resort

Atlantis' focal point is water and marine life, built around eight million gallons of fresh- and salt-water pools, lagoons and cascading waterfalls. It also includes a casino, five hotel towers, a golf course and the 141-acre Aquaventure water park. There are options for everyone, whether you are a beach bum, a thrill seeker or want to let your hair down



The Atlantis resort and water park on Paradise Island, the Bahamas. PETER REMUS/ATLANTIS RESORT

with a midday pool party. Like my first day at Disney World, I was overwhelmed trying to decide where to start.

I went with the Current, a tube-ride that meanders along a 1.5-kilometre route through the park.

At times you are really tossed

around in the rapids. I rode it twice. Then after tackling the famous waterslides, two of which shoot you through a shark-infested tank (with the protection of a covered tube), I ended my day drinking margaritas while watching my lounge chair neighbours show

off their twerking skills.

#### Accommodation

The resort includes five different accommodation options. Public relations manager Eric Hall uses an airline analogy to explain the difference: "The Coral and Beach towers are



lowed us to watch some incredible sunsets and the cruise ships glide in and out of the port of Nassau. The best perk of the Cove, however, is the respite it provided from the buzz of the resort — akin to staying at the best off-the-Strip hotel in Vegas.

#### Meals

There are 40 restaurants and bars to choose from, including the world's first pool-side Starbucks and an Atlantis edition of Chef Nobu Matsuhisa's famous restaurant Nobu. Many of the restaurants are stand-alone buildings located in the resort's marina village area. Bimini Road's Bahamian fare includes many iterations of conch and a killer Bahama Mama rum punch.

#### Final word

From swimming with the dolphins to scuba diving to rock climbing the activities are limitless but this fantasy world does come with a cost. There is no all-inclusive option so make sure to price out your activities before you go and stick to your budget. It's easy to be seduced by all the shiny, wet things.

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# Bad blood not fuelling return to Motor City

NHL PRE-SEASON

## Babcock back in Detroit to wrap up exhibition sked

Mike Babcock refused to get in a war of words Thursday when it was mentioned that his former boss, Detroit Red Wings general manager Ken Holland, had thrown down a friendly gauntlet for the Maple Leafs head coach on his return to Detroit.

Holland, whose team hosts the Leafs in the first of back-to-back exhibition games starting Friday, said recently that the Wings want to kick Babcock's butt. But Babcock, who remains close to Holland after a decade together in Detroit, refused to be baited. He knows he has a learning, rebuilding group.

"(Holland) might have the upper hand in the short period but we'll see over time," Babcock said as the Leafs finished up two practice sessions at the MasterCard Centre on Thursday.

"Kenny Holland is a great, great man and I'm real lucky. I worked for Brian Murray first (in Anaheim), he's a good friend of mine. Ken Holland's a good friend of mine and I'm happy that Lou's (Leafs GM Lou Lamoriello) here and I get to work with Lou. I learned a lot from Blash



Mike Babcock's Leafs open up the regular season at home to the Canadiens on Wednesday night. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

(new Detroit coach Jeff Blashill) and I'm sure him from me. But I'm the head coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs and I'm proud of that. We've got lots of work to do as you can see. And we're going to do it."

Babcock's first group on the ice Thursday should shape up as the roster that will open the season next week against Mont-

**"I'm the head coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs and I'm proud of that."**

Mike Babcock who returns to Detroit to face the Red Wings this weekend.

real. The second group, full of prospects and some experienced, depth type players, should populate what could be a very good Marlies roster.

The return to Detroit will be Babcock's first in new colours. He won a Stanley Cup with the Wings while establishing himself as one of the game's most successful coaches.

The official return will come Oct. 10, when Toronto visits Detroit for its second game of the regular season. That should present a full range of emotions for Babcock, who was grateful and emotional when he left Detroit, taking out a full-page advertisement in a local newspaper to thank Red Wings fans.

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## IN BRIEF

### Huskies head to St. FX looking for win No. 1

The Saint Mary's Huskies are hoping for their first win of the 2015 season when they kick off against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men at 2 p.m. this Saturday in Antigonish.

The Huskies have lost all three regular-season games this year, including a 48-13 defeat to the X-Men on Sept. 19, also on the road.

They also fell 38-6 to defending the AUS champions Mount Allison Mounties on Sept. 11 and 23-17 to the Bishop's Gaeters in Canadian Interuniversity Sport interlock action last Saturday. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

### Quebec getaway for Herd

The Halifax Mooseheads hit the road for Quebec this weekend for three games in as many days.

The green and red face off against the Sherbrooke Phoenix at 8 p.m. Friday, the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada at the same time Saturday before finishing off in Drummondville against the Voltigeurs at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Import forward Timo Meier, who was named Mooseheads captain Monday after returning from San Jose Sharks training camp, hit the road with his Herd teammates Tuesday.

Halifax looks to improve upon its 1-3-1-1 record this season, which currently puts the local QMJHL club at 16th overall, as well as sixth and last place in the Maritimes Division.

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# Jays' pre-playoffs work not over yet

MLB

## Toronto in battle with K.C. for top spot in AL

When the cigar smoke settled from a wild celebration after clinching the American League East, the Toronto Blue Jays were left with more work to do.

"We think we have more ahead of us," manager John Gibbons said. "We really do."

Gibbons is talking about the playoffs, where oddsmakers have made the Blue Jays World Series favourites. But before that, there's the matter of trying to assure home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Heading into Thursday, the Blue Jays had a magic number of three to clinch the top seed in the American League. They led the Kansas City Royals by a game but own the tiebreaker, so if the teams finish with an even record, the Blue Jays take it.

Despite fielding a lineup without any regulars in the second half of a doubleheader Wednesday and then again Thursday to give starters a rest, home-field advantage is still something the Blue Jays want.

"We'd love to get it, we're certainly going to fight for it, but you do balance it out with having to give guys rest," general manager Alex Anthopoulos



The Blue Jays' Dalton Pompey is tagged out by Orioles second baseman Jonathan Schoop as he tries to steal a base on Thursday in Baltimore. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

said. "Home field for us with the environment we have at that stadium ... everybody across the league is talking about what an unbelievable environment it is, to have a dome, playing conditions, all that, I think it's a big advantage for us."

Rogers Centre was sold out for 20 of the final 21 home games of the regular season, and ace David Price remarked on the day he debuted for Toronto that he had never pitched in an atmosphere like that before.

Price won't get a chance to pitch again until Game 1 of the ALDS on Thursday. The Blue Jays opted to hold him out of his scheduled start in Baltimore

## + SERIES FINALE

The Baltimore Orioles took advantage of the Blue Jays resting their starters, winning a rain-marred game 6-4 on Thursday.

Manny Machado homered twice for the Orioles in a game that was delayed for 3 hours, 25 minutes following the first inning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and ultimately decided to give him rest rather than having him pitch in the final series of the season at the Tampa Bay Rays.

Mark Buehrle is set to pitch

Friday and Marco Estrada on Saturday. Toronto's starter for Sunday is to be determined.

Clinching the AL's top seed would mean facing the winner of the wild-card game in the first round. The New York Yankees will likely host either the Houston Astros, Los Angeles Angels or Minnesota Twins in that one-game playoff Tuesday.

If the Royals finish with a better record, the Blue Jays would very likely face the Texas Rangers, who are close to wrapping up the AL West. Like the Blue Jays, Texas got an ace in late July in Cole Hamels and went on a roll, winning 36 of 56 games since the trade deadline.

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Jadeveon Clowney appears to be in good health following surgery on his right knee. THOMAS B. SHEA/GETTY IMAGES

NFL

## Clowney looking to bag his first sack

Jadeveon Clowney is finally healthy and playing well for the Texans. But something is missing.

Seven games into his NFL career, the linebacker who was last year's top overall draft pick doesn't have a sack.

He isn't worried though.

"They're coming," he said with a smile.

Clowney wasn't able to get to the quarterback in four games in an injury-plagued rookie season. He had microfracture surgery

on his right knee in December and was limited in the first two games this season after returning to practice on Aug. 17.

In Houston's win over Tampa Bay last week Clowney played most of the defensive snaps and got his first quarterback hit.

Clowney said getting so close without getting a sack is tough.

"You watch the game and you see guys hitting him and then I'm like: 'I've got to get to him,'" he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The number of sacks Clowney racked up in a three-year college career.



## RUGBY IN BRIEF

### France routs Canada, advances to quarters

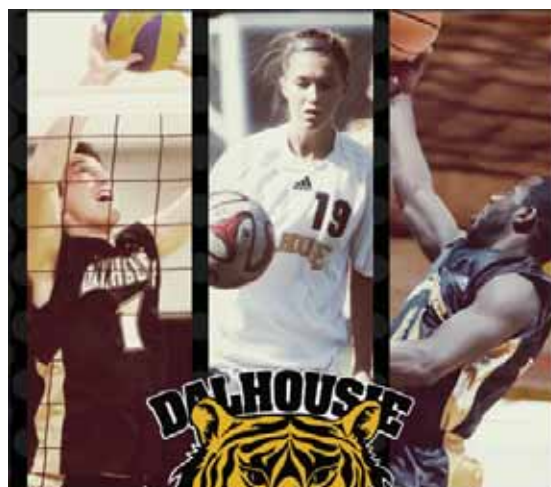
France became the first team through to the Rugby World Cup quarter-finals after scoring five tries in a 41-18 win against Canada in their Pool D match on Thursday.

Veteran lock Pascal Pape got the all-important fourth

try and the bonus point that France needed to reach the last eight.

France will be aiming to beat Ireland in its last game to secure top spot in Pool D and avoid a likely showdown with the All Blacks in the quarter-finals.

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# Jackson's hot play makes Maddon smile

MLB

## Outfielder's 8 RBIs in 2 games boost Cubs as playoffs loom

Austin Jackson has enjoyed a good month over the last two games, according to Chicago Cubs manager Joe Maddon.

That's his outlook after Jackson hit a three-run homer to lead the Cubs to a 5-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday.

The homer upped Jackson's RBI count to eight in the last

two games. The outfielder, who had driven in two runs in 24 games since being acquired from Seattle on Aug. 31, set a career-high with five RBIs in Chicago's 10-3 win on Wednesday.

"It's been a pretty good month for him," Maddon said, jokingly, after Thursday's game.

Jackson said he's focused at the plate. "It's good to get some at bats," Jackson said. "I got some pitches to hit, and I'm doing my best to not miss them."

Anthony Rizzo added an RBI double and Chris Denorfia also drove in a run as the Cubs kept alive their slim hopes for home-field advantage in Wednesday's

**“It's been a pretty good month for him.”**

Cubs coach Joe Maddon

wild-card playoff game, moving within two games of idle Pittsburgh in the race. Both teams have three to play — Chicago in Milwaukee and the Pirates against the Reds in Pittsburgh.

Joey Votto's seventh-inning RBI single extended to 47 his streak of consecutive games in which he's reached base at least once,

the longest since Kevin Millar's 52-game stretch in 2007. Votto's streak is second-longest in Cincinnati franchise history to Pete Rose's 48-game stretch in 1978, when he tied the NL record with a 44-game hitting streak.

The Reds finished 0-7 on their last home stand of the season. They lost their last eight home games to close with a 34-47 home record, the worst at Great American Ball Park and the franchise worst since the 2001 team finished 27-54 in 2001. The Reds have lost 12 straight overall, matching the 1993 team for the franchise's longest losing streak in 70 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Austin Jackson helped keep the Cubs' playoff hopes alive with a three-run shot on Thursday. JOE ROBBINS/GETTY IMAGES

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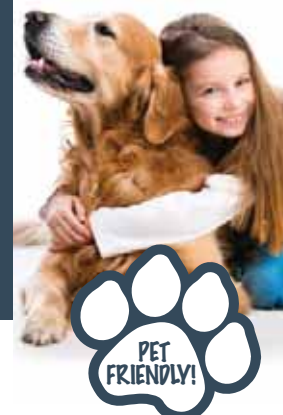
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- Sea salt
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- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 4 basil leaves, torn
- 4 pieces of multi-grain bread, toasted
- 1/2 head of Boston

bibb lettuce

• Cucumber slices, if desired

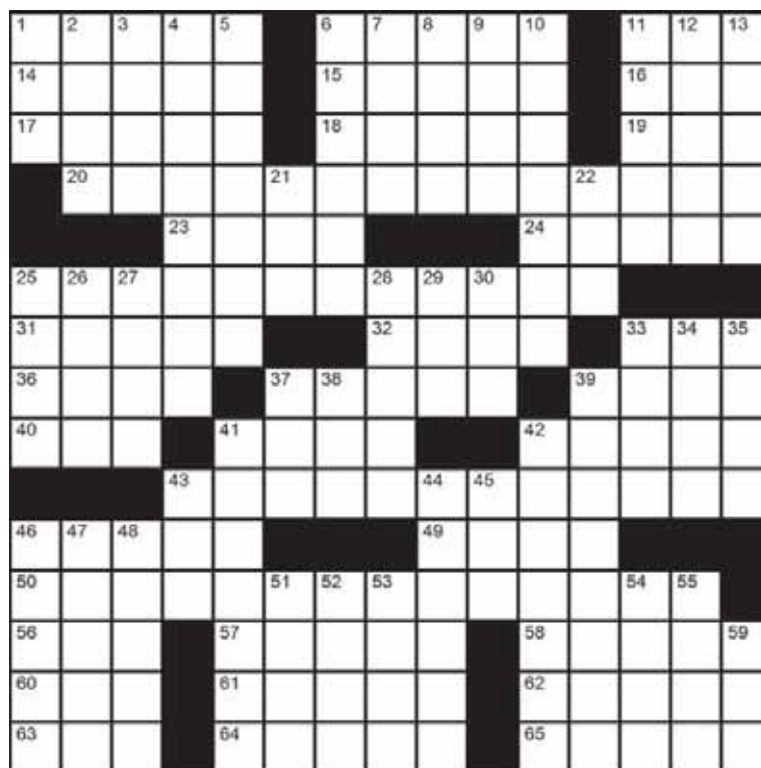
**Directions**

1. Cut tomato and place on a plate. Coat with olive oil and sprinkle with sea salt. Let stand.
2. Meanwhile, mash avocado in a medium bowl and then add lemon juice and torn basil. Mix until smooth.
3. Toast bread and then smear about a tablespoon and a half of the avocado spread onto the bread. Finish by adding tomato slices and a few pieces of lettuce. Cut in half or in quarters and serve with some cucumber slices.

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6. Sacha Baron Cohen character
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14. Squish food
15. Popular island retreat
16. Sleeve
17. Feminine inner self, in Jungian psychology
18. Smiled brightly: 2 wds.
19. "Send in the Clowns" query: "Are \_\_\_ pair?"
20. Canadian news-cast anchored by #11-Down: 2 wds.
23. Volcanic flow
24. Speak from the podium
25. Industrial-looking wall feature in a condo loft: 2 wds.
31. Mr. Kinnear's
32. Ms. Horne
33. Canadian actress/model Ms. Anderson, to pals
36. Mr. Busey
37. Sticks
39. Animal rights gr.
40. St. John's International Airport code
41. Dove sounds
42. Mr. Eckhart
43. New competitive TV series for Canadian artists on the CBC: 2 wds.
46. Hair styling product
49. Actress Ms.

- Kurylenko
50. 1982 short stories book by Canadian writer Alice Munro, with The: 3 wds.
56. Everything
57. Giving-it-a-go-er
58. Canada's largest duck
60. "My Gal \_"

- (1942)
61. Like lots-of-lots-owning lairds
62. Singer Bonnie
63. Timecard abbrs.
64. End table items
65. Rosebud, and others

**DOWN**

1. Facials-getting lieu
2. \_\_\_ jury
3. Botanical casing
4. Science for jewellers
5. Fishy-sounding character played by Canadian hockey great Cam Neely in movie

- comedies: 2 wds.
6. Slow song
7. Wholly \_\_\_ part
8. Montreal-born actress Ms. Lee
9. Adjoin
10. Dessert selection
11. As per #20-Across... Winnipeg-born journal-

- ist Ms. Friesen
12. Amazing
13. "I Was \_\_\_ War Bride" (1949)
21. Holy song: "\_\_\_ Maria"
22. Mork's planet
25. Like scrambled breakfasts
26. Image of bones
27. \_\_\_ Plus 2in1 (Shampoo/conditioner brand)
28. Makeup kit item
29. Des'\_\_\_, British songstress
30. CMs ruler sharers
33. Mere's man
34. 'Origin' suffix
35. Numerous
37. Spar, \_\_\_ few rounds
38. Angeles intro
39. Splendid, like the Buckingham digs in London, England
41. \_\_\_ clear (Pristine)
42. Port city in North Africa on the Mediterranean
43. Tin
44. Thanksgiving table decorations
45. High mountain
46. Hit song
47. Mr. Bear of the Arctic
48. Sushi shapes
51. Richard Harris 1977 film
52. "The \_\_\_" (1993) starring Tom Cruise
53. Rough terrain vehicle
54. Ms. Falco
55. Taken back, as a library book [abbr.]
59. Left opp. [pl.]

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**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
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**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Friends will go out of their way to assist you over today, so don't sit there pretending that everything is fine because you know that it isn't and so do they. You need help.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
If you need to persuade someone to give you something today you will find just the right combination of words and body language to make it happen. Whatever it is you desire they will feel it is their duty to provide it for you.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You are beginning to believe that your luck has changed and that you are on the verge of something amazing — you're right. Keep doing the everyday things that will make it happen.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You are worrying about things that will probably never happen. Fortunately, your worries will fade over the weekend.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
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